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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 20th/July, through Sunday, 27th/July there were 211 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY9, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, ER, ES, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. Guy, FR5ZL, is a new operator on the island as **3B9ZL**. He will be there for about the next three weeks. His activity has been on 15 and 20 meters CW/SSB. Watch around 21022 and 21275 kHz after 1100z and around 14017 and 14190 kHz 0230z. QSL via FR5ZL. Meanwhile, Robert, **3B9FR**, (ed. NOW a NODXA member!) continues to be active on 20 meters CW around 14024-25 kHz usually after 0300z and sometimes after 1100z.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. **CY9A** is now active **until August 2nd**. Please refer to OPDX.619 for the suggested operating frequencies (+/- 5 kHz). QSL via N5VL.

DX HOLIDAY WEBSITE. Kenny, K2KW, reports that the "DX Holiday Website" has been updated. The Web site lists information on where to operate overseas. Categories included are: Rent-a-QTH, Ham Friendly Locations, Club Stations and general information. The recent updates include:

- New Rent-a-QTHs in PJ2, 9M8, ZP, PEI (VE)
- Recent Rent-a-QTHs in HC8, ZK1, YL, G.

It also includes new Ham friendly locations or information updates in:

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NA - 6Y, C6, FM, FS, HR and VP2V   OC - W, H4, H40, KH6, KH8, P2 and ZK1/s
SA - P4 and PJ2                    AS - 1S/9M0 and BV
EU - 9H, CU, DL, SM and TA         AF - 3B8, 3DA, 7P, 7Q, A22, C5, C9,
                                        CT3 and S9
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There's also great DXpedition Reference material in the "DXpedition Resources" section. The Web page's URL is: http://www.dxholiday.com Kenny, K2KW, would like to thank the many who contributed the new information and patiently waited for this new update.

DXCC NEWS.....

- Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, wants to remind everyone that once again, the deadline for submitting applications for the 2003 DXCC Annual List is rapidly approaching. Applications must be postmarked **September 30, 2003**.
- Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following are approved for DXCC credit:
    - **Guinea** - **3XY1L** (1/Jan/2003 - 31/Dec/2003)
    - **Guinea** - **3XD02** (19/Mar/2003 - 31/Apr/2003)
    - **Sudan** - **ST2CF** (17/Mar/2003 - 2/Apr/2003)
    - **Guinea-Bissau** - **J5UCW** and **J5UDX** (8/Mar/2003 - 6/Apr/2003)
    - **Afghanistan** - **YA/N4SIX** (Ongoing)
    - **Angola** - **D2CR** (1/Jan/2003 - 31/Dec/2003)
    - **Uganda** - **5X2A** (24/Jun/2002 - 1/Jul/2003)

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. By the time you read this, look for Paul, **FP/K9OT**, and Peg, **FP/KB9LIE** (YL), to be active from **Miquelon** (**NA-032**). They will be on the air from now through August 5th. Activity will be on CW/SSB on 160-6 meters (emphasis on 40, 30, 17, and 12 meters). On 6 meters they will have a breakable beacon around 50.120 MHz. They will run 100 watts to a variety of antennas: wire, inverted-L, and 6 meter beam w/Armstrong rotor. Paul and Peg will be looking for station who are QRP, mobile, and VK/ZL/JA/JT/Oceania in particular. **FP/K9OT** will participate in the **CW NA QSO Party**. QSL via their home callsign, bureau or direct. Their web site is: http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-147**. Takeshi "TAKE", JI3DST, was active this past weekend as **JI3DST/8** in the **IOTA Contest** from **Okushiri Island** (Okushiri-cho Okushiri-gun Hokkaidou) and will continue to be active **until** 0000z, **August 3rd**. Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB. QSL via the Bureau ONLY.
- **EU-004**. Steve, DJ7AO, has activated **Mallorca Island** instead of Fehmarn Island (EU-

128) this past weekend for the **IOTA Contest**. He will be active **until August 4th** as **EA6/DJ7AO**. He will also activate some lighthouses. Activity will be mainly 20 meters CW/SSB. For more details on past and present lighthouse activations, please visit the Web site at: http://e09.de

- **EU-170**. Milan, 9A5DJ (OK1DJG), and Lada, 9A5LO (OK1LO), will activate the Island of **Pasman** (CI-085) **until August 8th**. Activity will be on HF, 6 and 2 meters, mainly CW. Maybe they will activate some other Croatian islands around Pasman Island.
- **OC-133**. Members of the Kinabalu Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (operators 9M6KM and 9M6KTC) will be active **August 16-17th** from **Tiga Islands**. The name, Tiga Island (Malaysia name **Pulau Tiga**) is about 40 miles from Cotakinapal, Borneo Island, Saba State. Look for activity on 15 and 20 meters. QSL via the address on QRZ.com.

JX, JAN MAYEN (Update to OPDX.617). Ove, LA2IJ, informs OPDX that he is sorry to report his JX2IJ operation is **delayed**. Flights to JX-land on Thursday were cancelled due to thick fog, and Friday was not better. The next possibility is Wednesday (**July 30th**) if weather permits. He will possibly follow that flight. Length of his stay is not known - max 6 days.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. By the time you read this, Jake, **N6XIV/KH9**, should once again be active from Wake Island beginning on or about **July 26th** (if all goes as planned). His visit will run approximately **four weeks**, and this will be his last KH9 work assignment for 2003. Jake will operate whenever possible during his very limited spare time. Just a reminder, he operates SSB only. QSLs go via K2FF direct or bureau. LAST MINUTE UPDATE (before going to print): Glenn, K2FF, informs OPDX that "Jake came up at 0830z on **July 27th** on 7.254 using a home-brew 40m vertical and had a nice QSO with K2FF and W6FRH. He reports that the C3SS tribander has some element damage and he's trying to get some parts shipped to Wake in a week or two. If this does not work out then he will continue to use the 40m vertical and a long wire for other bands. Operating times will be as usual with a start time around 0730z and lasting for a few hours. Again he hopes to be on the island for four to six weeks and this will be his last KH9 trip for 2003."

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE/SHIP WEEKEND 2003. Mike, GM4SUC, reminds everyone that there are only three weeks to go before the International Lighthouse/ Ship Weekend takes place (starts at 0001z Saturday, **August 16th** and ends 2359z Sunday, **August 17th**). There are just over 250 stations in 34 countries confirming their participation in the event. The list of these stations can be found at: http://lighthouses.net.au/illw/2003.htm Mike states, "If you have notified us of your participation would you please check that the details are correct." Full rules and details of the weekend event can be found at: http://lighthouses.net.au/illw/index.html

OHIO QSO PARTY. It's less than one month away for the 2003 Ohio QSO Party (OQP). The OQP runs from 1600z Saturday, **August 23rd**, to 0400z **August 24th**. Full details, including rules, planned operations, past scores, records, software, operating aids, awards, etc., are available at the OQP website at: http://www.mrrc.net/oqp/ You can also sign up there for the the latest news via the OQP E-mail reflector. Remember, 2003 is Ohio's Bicentennial, celebrating 200 years of statehood. We hope you'll join us in celebrating on August 23rd, whether from Ohio or elsewhere, in one of the best state QSO parties.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Members of the F6KNL Radio Club of Cenon (REF33), operators F8BBL, F1DHX, F0DVX and F0ECL, were active from Margaux Island (DIFM: AT-102). QSL via F8BBL Bureau or direct.
- Steve, G4EDG, informs OPDX that direct QSLs for his **ZL4/G4EDG** (OC-203) operation were mailed July 24th. All bureau cards will be processed as they arrive.
- Nilay, TA3YJ, informs OPDX that QSL cards of **TA3YJ, TA3YJ/0, TA3YJ/3, TA3YJ/4, TA3YJ/LH, SV1/TA3YJ, LZ2/TA3YJ, TA3J, TA3J/0, TA3J/1, TA3J/3, TA3J/4, TA3J/LH, SV1/TA3J, LZ1/TA3J, LZ2/TA3J, YM3BU, YM3ATA, YM3SV, YM75TA, YM21TA, YM3LZ/WPX2000** and **YM3LZ/WAE2000** were sent to the QSL Bureaus of Cyprus, Algeria, Croatia, Malta, Kuwait, Oman, Chile, Portugal, Uruguay, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Moldova, Tajikistan, France, United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Ecuador, Colombia, Republic Of Korea (South Korea), Panama, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Brazil, Russia, Slovenia, Poland, San Marino, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Cote D'Ivoire, Ukraine, Australia (VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5 and VK7), Mexico, Latvia, Romania, Venezuela, New Zealand direct July 25th.
- **POSTAL RATES INCREASED (VE and CX)**. The cost of DXing is going up again. It was announced that postal rates will go up in Canada and Uruguay. Hal, K4HB, provides the following info: For Canada: Effective January 12, 2004, Canada will increase its rates as follows:
    - Canada to Canada will increase from .48 to .49
    - Canada to the US will increase from .65 to .80
    - Canada to all other countries will increase from 1.25 to 1.40
- As of July 25, 2003, 1 USD = 1.38 CAD. Unless the USD picks up on the foreign exchange between now and January 2004, 1 USD will be a little short for sufficient postage from Canada to countries other than the US. http://www.canadapost.ca/personal/corporate/about/newsroom/pr/default-e.asp?prid=924
- **For Uruguay**: This country increased its rates on July 1, 2003. Postage to the US and other countries went from 24 pesos to 36 pesos. (Don't know about the rate to other SA countries) The present exchange rate is 1USD = 27 Pesos, so 1USD is not enough for return postage anymore.
- Hal, K4HB, states, "The 'Foreign Postage Rates' Web page has been updated with this information. Thanks to Pierre, VE2PIJ, and Bill Plum for passing this on to us."

RSGB IOTA Contest (Late listings)

- QSL **90CI** via HA3KNA. Activity was from Island of Sveti Nikola (EU-110 and CI-118). Operators were: HA1AG, HA3OV, HA3NU, HA6OI, HA1TX and 9A6AA.
- QSL **BI5P** via direct or via bureau to BA4RD (P.O.Box 538 Nanjing, China). Activity was from Pingtan Island (AS-138). Operators were: BA4TA, BD4RS, BD5RV, BA5RX, BD5RT and some other BY5s. More details can be obtained on the JSDXC's Web site at: http://www.jsdxc.org
- QSL **HP1XVH** (Guenter) via N0JT. Activity was from Contadora Island (NA-072).
- QSL **HS0EHF/p** via HS0EHF. Activity was from Si Chang Island (AS-107).
- QSL **IB0P** via I5JHW. Activity was from Ponza Island (EU-045 and IIA LT-0010). Operators were: I5JHW, I5NSR, I5OYY, I5UKS, IK5FTQ, IK5ZTW, I5HLK and SWL Francesco.
- QSL **IQ2CJ/3** via the Bureau. Activity was from Pallestrina Island (IOTA EU-131 and

IIA VE033). Operators were: IK2JUB, IK2NCJ, IK2FIL, IW2HAJ and IW2JOD.

- QSL **KB4CRT/4** via home address. Activity was from Key West, Fla (NA-062).
- QSL **MD0BJM/M** via direct or RSGB. Activity was from the Isle of Man (EU-116).
- QSL **OH0Y** via OH6YF. Activity was from Aland Island (EU-002). Operator was Harry, OH6YF, celebrating 20 years (1983-2003) of HAM radio.
- QSL **F/ON5MF/P** via ON5MF, direct or by the bureau is OK. Activity was from Ile Sainte-Marguerite (EU-058). Operators were: ON5MF and ON6NN.
- Tony, **TK5XN**, active in the IOTA Contest, was from Corsica (EU-014, DIFM TK-01). QSL via Paul, F2YT.
- Jack, **W4NF**, activated Hatteras/Pea Island, NC (NA-067). QSL via his home callsign.
- QSL **VY2TT** via K6LA. Activity was from Prince Edward Island (NA-029). Operator was Ken, K6LA.
- QSL **K9AJ/VY0** via home callsign. Operator Mike was active from Southampton Island (NA-007). ADDED NOTE: Jim/K9PPY/VY0 and Mike/K9AJ/VY0 made over 5,000 QSOs from NA-225. Mike, K9AJ, was not able to be active from NA-009.
- QSL **YW6P** (IOTA Contest) via EA7JX. QSL YV5JBI/P (outside contest) via YV5JBI. Activity was from Piritu Afuera Island.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station **EN3WLL** now **through August 3rd** from **Lviv**, Ukraine, to commemorate the Polish scientist **Ignacy Lukasiewicz** (who was the first-ever to use a kerosene lamp for the first time during the medical operation on July 31, 1853, in Lviv). QSL via UR4WXQ to the bureau or direct to: P.O.Box 7072, Lviv 79018, Ukraine.

SPECIAL EVENT. Operators Jack/G0FQN, Mark/G1PIE/M3PIE, and Pam/2E1HQY will be active next Saturday, **August 2nd**, as **GB2SCL** from **Ribblehead Station** on the Settle and Carlisle Line. This activity will commemorate the **35th anniversary of the withdrawal of the steam train by the British Railways**. ADDED NOTE: A steam train will be driven through the station while the team is operating.

SPECIAL EVENT. John Hughes/G4KGT and G4PSG, Station Manager, Prestwood Scout Group Amateur Radio Club, informs OPDX that the RSGB Mobile Demonstration Vehicle, **GB4FUN**, will be present at **WINGS2003**, **August 2-9th**, at Windsor Great Park, Berkshire, England. There will be world-wide representation by over 3000 Guides and Scouts. The Amateur Radio Station callsign GB4FUN will be active from 1400 BST Sunday, August 3rd, with daily sessions thereafter 0930 to 1230 and 1400 to 1700, for demonstration purposes and for greetings messages to be passed (subject to existing bi-lateral agreements). Please listen around the usual Scout SSB frequencies. It is hoped that further activity will take place outside the session times.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station **GB90RSGB** to be on the air from RSGB HQ in Potters Bar **now through August 9th**, to celebrate the **90th anniversary of the formation of the Society**. Activity will mainly be on the HF bands, CW and SSB, but with some digital modes and VHF operations. Also, you may have heard over the past weekend some stations signing **GB90RSGB/number** (ex. GB90RSGB/32). These station were also celebrating the RSGB anniversary and were involved in what was called "**Party in the Park**". The numbers at the end of GB90RSGB represents the RSGB district number the station was in. Some 58 stations were expected to be on. A special 90th anniversary award is available for those making contact with or monitoring any GB90RSGB stations. Details can be found at: http://www.rsgb.org/rsgb90/award.htm

TI5, COSTA RICA. Operators Harry/AC8G, Ron/WA8LOW, W8ILC/Ron, Brian/KA7KUZ, Kecko/TI5KD, Tony/VE3RZ, Jorge/CX6VM, Ed/K1EP, Tom/ZP5AZL, Juan/ZP5MAL, Dale/N3BNA and Dave/WT8R, will be manning the **TI5N** Contest station as a Multi-Multi entry in the **CQWW SSB Contest**, **October 25-26th**. QSL TI5N via W3HNK. For a day or two before and after the contest, the individual operators will be on using **TI5/own-callsign** as time permits. Expect a higher level of CW and other non SSB modes on the contest bands due to the large SSB volume in the contest. Attention will also be directed to 6 meters and the WARC bands using various modes. QSLs for the individual QSOs should go to the callbook address unless advised otherwise. IMPORTANT: Do not mix the contest QSL with ones for the individual contacts.

TS7, TUNISIA (Large IOTA Op). About 17 OMs and 3 XYLs will operate from **Kerkennah Islands** (IOTA **AF-073**) from **November 19th to December 1st**. Their activity will include the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest** (**November 29-30th**) as a Multi-2 entry using the callsign **TS7N**. During their time there, they plan to have five active stations on all modes and on 160-6 meters. Operators mentioned are: 9K2RR, JH4RHF, DK1BT, DJ9CB, DJ7IK, DK7YY, DL3KDV, DF2SS and possibly more. QSL via DL9USA. More information is forthcoming, and an online Web page will be available in August at: http://www.qsl.net/ts7n/

USI ACTIVITY. Look for NODXA member Byron, **KF8UN**, to be active from **Tappan Lake Island** (USI OH-New) between **August 9-10th**. Activity will be on all bands 80-6 meters. QSL via the address on QRZ.com.

VP9, BERMUDA. Mark, AA1AC, will operate as **AA1AC/VP9** from the **Hamilton Parish**, Bermuda, during **August 10-13th**. No other details were provided. QSL via home call.

W9DXCC 2003. The Northern Illinois DX Association is pleased to announce the **51st annual W9DXCC convention** at **Rolling Meadows** (a NW suburb of Chicago) Illinois on **September 19-20th**. This will be the 50th anniversary of the first W9DXCC initiated by Bob Baird, W9NN, and held in Chicago in 1953. Their banquet speaker will be Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL CEO. Dave's topic will be the recently completed World Radio Conference 2003 from the DX'ers perspective. Dave is also Secretary of the International Amateur Radio Union, and has been instrumental in acquiring new frequencies for amateurs, as well as protecting current allocations. The complete W9DXCC schedule, and on-line registration is available at the W9DXCC website at: http://www.w9dxcc.com Contact W9VA for info and questions via E-mail at: w9va@aol.com

XU, CAMBODIA. Hugo, LA5YJ (ex-9N7YJ), informs OPDX that he will be active as **XU7ACW** at least **until September 9th**. He was heard this past week on 40/30/20/17 meters CW. Watch 7006, 10105 and 18075 kHz after 1330z, and 14030 kHz after 1830z. QSL to LA5YJ with a SAE and please 1 IRC (If not available, 2 USD or equivalent). Postage from LA is 1.50 USD.

ZB2, GIBRALTAR. Carl, GW0VSW, will be one of four Sea Cadet Instructors training in Gibraltar between **August 15-29th**. He will operate mainly QRP (Some QRO operation may be possible) using an FT-817 and dipoles on all bands CW/SSB as ZB2/GW0VSW/p. However, Sea Cadet/Naval training must take priority, so expected times of operation will be early morning and late evening around 0500z and 2100z. Suggested frequencies are: 7030, 7055, 10106, 14060 and 14255 kHz. QSL is OK via his homecall.

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html

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